

ALL IN A TUMULT

Europe is in the throes of several crises.

OVER MINISTERIAL AFFAIRS

France, Spain and Austria Turn Up by Political Scandals in and About Their Governments.

London, Dec. 3.—This has been a week of such excitement as Europe has not yet experienced since the days immediately preceding the Franco-Prussian war. Every continental power, except Russia, has seen its statesmen in defeat or confusion. Falling and fallen cabinets in western Europe, fighting for political existence, and the growing conflicts between church and state, people and government in southern Europe make a historical spectacle as melancholy as it is interesting. France, as usual, has the lion's share of sensation, although nobody believes that the story of the Panama canal steal has been half told. M. Rouquie, for instance, who testified to the squandered 200,000,000 or 250,000,000 francs in buying editors and deputies and other classes of boomers, is acknowledged to have described only the brighter side of the picture. He admitted that the 600,000,000 francs sent to the isthmus up to 1888 were spent honestly.

The fact is an open secret among Paris engineers that every man in charge of the canal work retired very rich. An English engineer, who returned to London from Paris last night, told your correspondent that at the Engineers' club in Paris on Wednesday he saw an estimate prepared by men familiar with the canal work. Their calculation that the work already accomplished could have been done for 200,000,000 francs, and could not possibly have cost more than 325,000,000, no matter what schemes were adopted. The remaining 275,000,000 or 300,000,000 must have gone into the pockets of corrupt administrators. As regards corruption of the public, the half has not been told. Although hardly a baker's dozen have been implicated so far, there is no doubt that the number of guilty ones is as high as fifty, some even say 100.

Look everything in sight.

For a month past the Spaniards have been little better than the dimensions of her public scandal. Alcide Bosch of Berlin, the ward of the tottering ministry and his municipal colleagues, appear to have taken everything they could lay their hands on. Had there been more they would undoubtedly have taken the whole of the treasury, for their conduct has revealed as nearly as can be ascertained, that Bosch has pocketed some 250,000 francs at the city's expense. The city councilors, with his assistance, have acquired in various ways from 20,000 to 30,000 each. How they did this is a story whose immediate interest is a matter of 19,000 francs granted to two councilors for two days' expenses while seeing the Huelva fete. The newspapers have raised such a hubbub about the scandal that their reporters are now excluded from the council meetings. The cabinet, which has been in the hands of the Alcide Bosch for some time, is now so supine to move a finger toward punishing the rascals who still continue to plunder the people. The boxes at the city limits are collected or omitted according to a scandalous system of bribery and extortion. The poorer families and the market women are ground to the last extreme are left after paying small bribes, which go into the pockets of the officials. In this way two-thirds of the entire taxes sometimes are misappropriated in a month. The ministry tried to escape the indignation of the people by dropping the minister of the interior, the immediate superior of the city government, but the ruse was too transparent. The people have already noted in the street to show their hatred of the present government, and unless Carlos de Castilo, who has been in the street within a few days there will be more serious trouble in Madrid.

How in the Austrian Chamber.

The bitterness of the Austrian cabinet crisis is due to the everlasting hatred existing between the Catholics and Emperor Francis Joseph's dominions. Count Tisza, who has been coquetting with the liberal party, has been suddenly swung over to the Catholics, and this too at a time when the Germans were elected by the accession of the liberal Dr. Weyerle, to the premiership of Hungary. The vote yesterday against Count Tisza on a proposed amendment of appropriation showed that the Germans can make a majority against the government. Under these circumstances all of the Tisza cabinet can be a matter of but a few days. The excitement in the Austrian chamber surpasses anything in a dignified executive body. On Thursday morning the German Premier announced that the Germans had gone over to an uncompromising opposition, a young Czech member jumped at him screaming, "Go then, you dirty tramp!" "Dirty tramp yourself!" shouted back the Germans. The president was powerless to still the tumult. Members shook their fists under each other's noses, vilified their opponents and gave the lie, while the galleries were in a similar uproar. When the house was brought back to order four desks had been contracted and more were to come.

John Bull in Rome Complacency.

During these scenes of bitterness and disunion in other countries, John Bull has been back in easy complacency, thanking heaven that he is not so other people are—hot-heads, anarchists, brazen-bakers and metalists. The only continental matter in which he has had a finger has been the Brussels silver conference, and as in England this gathering is regarded as a precedent to failure, the interest in it has been mostly academic. The retirement of Henry Labouchere from the Daily News is the most significant event in London. It suggests that before long England may add another to the list of recent cabinet crises. Mr. Labouchere is rich, and so the idea that he disposed of his daily newspaper shares for the sake of the money is out of the question. His move is interpreted rather as his first step toward shaking himself loose from the Gladstonian web, which he has been acknowledged to be. Mr. Labouchere is thus preparing to take his little party of radicals and back by himself, maintaining an independent attitude toward Gladstonian home rule. Considering the smallness of Mr. Gladstone's majority, such defection is likely to have dire consequences for the present minister.

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AMERICAN OIL SHOCKED OUT.

Consul Widman, of Singapore, Makes an Important Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Consul Lounseville Widman, of Singapore, has just made an important report to the state department on the development of the Russian petroleum industry. He says: "The only imports of the straits settlements from the United States of America is by way of oil. For many years it had a monopoly of this market. Russian oil, since February, 1888, has been gradually working its way, until today its shipments equal those of the United States. This state of affairs has gone on from year to year, up to the present date, when it now looks not only as though the American flag would be banished from the ports, but the entire oil trade with the United States driven out of the market. Two circumstances have conspired to bring about this result—the introduction of tank steamers loaded with Russian oil and the discovery of new oil fields in Langkas, Sumatra. The determination to revolutionize the export trade of petroleum from Batavia by substituting tank steamers for the ordinary method was due to the unprecedented increase in the production of oil from the Bakoo well, which reduced the price from two shillings per barrel to half."

Italian After American Money.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—In the case of G. Triana of New Orleans and seven other similar suits, known as the Italian case, arguments were heard this morning on the exceptions filed by the city as to the former citations, the court ordered the city to file answers within twenty-four hours. Immediately the city attorney filed the answers on the grounds: First, of general denial to the allegations with petitions, second, denying that plaintiffs are the relatives of the parties mentioned in the petition; third, that the said Vincenzo Triana is an American citizen and a citizen of Louisiana, legally naturalized, and therefore his honorable discharge from jurisdiction. Defendant prays that the suit be dismissed with costs. The answer holds good in all cases, save as to the change of name.

Vintage of the Rhine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Commercial Agent James W. Smith at Mayence informs the state department with reference to the forthcoming vintage on the Rhine this year that in the matter of quality it will be excellent, but very disappointing in quantity. The vines realized will compare favorably in quality with those of the best years, such as those of 1865 and 1888 for instance, but in quantity there will probably be but one-fifth only of vintage. In quality it will be excellent, but very disappointing in quantity than on the Rhine.

Royalty at the Opera, "Carmen."

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Drury Lane company performed "Carmen" this evening in the Waterbury chamber at the Grand Opera House. The performance was a success, and the company was well received. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Prince and Princess of Battenberg, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess of Wales were present. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Prince and Princess of Battenberg, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess of Wales were present. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Prince and Princess of Battenberg, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess of Wales were present.

Premier De Boucherville Resigns.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—Premier De Boucherville has resigned to the home government. Mr. Talon, the former leader of the conservative party, has been summoned from Montreal and asked to form a ministry. The cause of De Boucherville's sudden action is the appointment of Mr. Chapuis to the lieutenant governorship of the province.

First on Record.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The British steamer Ethel Wolf, which left from Fernando de Noronha, November 15, with a cargo of oranges, arrived here December 2. The cargo consists of 9,845 boxes of prime oranges, and is the first cargo ever exported direct to England. They have not yet been landed, but are in fair condition.

Railroad Strike Defeated.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 3.—The strikers on the Savannah, Americus & Montgomery railway struck today for higher pay. The strikers attempted to prevent new men taking their places, but were defeated, and trains are now running as usual.

California's Legislature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Returns on members of the next legislature show that out of 125 votes in the senate, joint ballot the straight democrats will have 59 and the republicans 62, making a total democratic vote on joint ballot 64.

Sul Hunting.

EXMOR, Dec. 3.—President-elect Cleveland's ducking party returned to the landing at 3:30 this afternoon and reported meagre results. Mr. Cleveland, however, bagged a couple of geese, a few broad bills and several dippers.

El Didn't Get There.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—The trial of the libel suit of El Litter, the prohibition leader, against Leonard Hinkley, which has been on trial this week, terminated this evening with a verdict for the defendant.

Bail at \$10,000.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3.—The matter of admitting Hugh Ross, the Homestead striker, to bail came up in the criminal court today. Bail was fixed at \$10,000. The defense said it would furnish bail.

Napoleon's Son Dead.

FREDEY, O., Dec. 3.—Paul Jordan, who always declared that he was an illegitimate son of the great Napoleon and that he was born in Paris in 1786, died at the county infirmary today.

Things Don't Jibe.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—Receiver King of the Alaska Lumber company has filed his first statement, showing the company's indebtedness to be \$500,000, with assets \$200,000.

Reception to Cleveland.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 3.—Extensive preparations are being made at the Franklin street for the reception of President-elect Cleveland, who is expected here early next week.

John Bennett Taylor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—John Bennett Taylor, aged 76 years, died today. He was one of the early settlers and a member of the Tippecanoe club.

WHERE IS THE BODY

The Remains of Mrs. Mayhew No. 5 Are Gone.

THE GRAVE FOUND TO BE EMPTY

It is Generally Believed That Her Husband Poisoned Her and His Other Four Wives.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 3.—A new and startling phase has been found in the Mayhew murder case. Mayhew, the alleged poisoner of one, if not five wives, is in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, which is investigating the mysterious death of wife number five, who was Mrs. Erbeck. Mayhew's fourth wife was Miss Annie Lamb, who lived here when she became number four, and went with her husband to Axtell, Kansas. She died there, and the body was brought back to Sydney for burial. She was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church near this place. Parties interested in the prosecution of Mayhew determined to open the grave and learn by chemical analysis of the stomach if the too had been poisoned as gossip reported. Yesterday the parties opened the grave, and to their astonishment it was found to be empty, there being not the least trace of either coffin or remains. Public excitement has subsided somewhat, and it is thought there is no longer any danger of lynching, but the guard at the jail will be maintained.

BEAR DANCE IN WYOMING.

Big Democrat Howl Over Supposed Republican Conspiracy.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 3.—The fight between Acting Governor Barber and Gov.-elect John Osborne for the control of the gubernatorial situation in Wyoming continues. Governor Osborne spent last night in the governor's office at the capitol. Acting Governor Barber's secretary occupied the adjoining office. Early this morning the private secretary went to sleep and the governor locked him in his room, where he remained until noon. A number of friends of the governor stood guard in the lobby of the capitol all night to prevent any forcible means which might be taken to eject the governor. At noon Governor Barber appointed T. Dyer, a prominent democrat, as his private secretary, left the office in his charge and has been in consultation with his attorney, T. M. Patterson of Denver, during the afternoon. This evening Acting Governor Barber issued a proclamation demanding that the governor-elect should resign, and that Osborne as an usurper and stating that as soon as the returns are in from all over the state a canvass of the votes will be made. Tonight a proclamation was issued by Governor Osborne. He recites that a conspiracy exists between the republican demagogue and the United States senator. He proposes to maintain his position and perform the duties of his office, and calls upon all the citizens to support him in his duty. Public sentiment is strongly with Governor Osborne.

BENSON BIDWELL'S SCHEME.

Suits Involving Electric Railways Filed in Court at Toledo.

TOLEDO, Dec. 3.—Suits were brought here today involving every electric street railway in the United States. Two suits were filed in the United States circuit court representing Benson Bidwell of Rochester, Ind., against the Toledo consolidated street railway. It is claimed that this company has infringed upon Bidwell's fundamental original patents for running electric cars and the principle involved in the use for the running and lighting of the city and the lighting of streets and houses along the line from the current which propels the cars, have been infringed upon. If the plaintiff should happen to be successful over six hundred different roads throughout the United States, alleged by Mr. Bidwell as having infringed upon his father's rights, will come in for their share of the trouble.

DEFENDS HIS METHOD.

Robert Pinkerton's Statement to Be Made Before the Senate Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Robert Pinkerton and his lawyer today revised the statement to be made by the Pinkertons to the senate investigating committee. It is a lengthy document which goes into detail regarding the Pinkertons' connection with the strikes of recent years. Speaking about it this afternoon Robert Pinkerton said: "The statement is a detailed defense of our methods. In it we have proven that in every case where our men have been called in the firing has always been done in self defense. Our attitude in all the recent strikes is defended, and special mention is made of the Homestead affair. We think we have proven our case completely." In the statement certain charges are made against one of the Homestead ringleaders. It is alleged that the man was once a convict and learned the trade of steel rolling in prison.

DEATH OF A CHARACTER.

The Oldest Variety Theater Manager in the Country Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—J. E. Escher, proprietor of the Alhambra theater on St. Charles street, died this morning from the effects of an operation performed on him three weeks ago. Mr. Escher was the oldest theatrical manager in the country. He opened the first variety theater in Chicago, and at one time had a house in Cincinnati. He had made St. Louis his home since 1857. It was at his house that Fritz Kemmer, Bobby Taylor, and others who afterwards became famous first appeared. He was born in Philadelphia, and had a brother in the show business there now.

TORE HIS HEAD OFF.

A Sufferer From Circular Insanity Blows Out His Brains.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—William Huter, a well known farmer, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at his home Wednesday last. Huter had been a sufferer from circular insanity and his sons at times had to watch him very closely, as his mind was in the suicidal order. Last Wednesday his

sons arose early and finding their father sleeping went out to do the milking. A few minutes later they heard the report of a gun and rushing into the house found their father on the floor wallowing in his own blood. Appearances indicated that he had arisen from the bed, gone to a closet where a shotgun was kept, taken the weapon, placed his head close to the muzzle and exploded the cartridge. The shot almost tore his head off.

MAN WITHOUT FEELING.

Brute of a Sea Captain Throws a Boy Overboard, Then Shoots Him.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Capt. John Smith of the schooner Lou, engaged in the guano trade along the Mexican coast, who was arrested last night on a charge of having thrown George Neale, a 16-year-old boy overboard from the vessel November 25, afterward shooting at him, causing the boy's death, confessed today that he did throw the boy overboard. His only excuse was that the boy "wanted to run the schooner." Captain Smith said this made him "mad." Mrs. Neale, the mother of the boy, is prostrated with grief. There is great indignation in the city against Captain Smith. The latter is 46 years of age and unmarried. His relatives live in Pittsburg, where his father is a Presbyterian minister. An uncle, Joshua Copley, is well known as the author of "The Gathering in Bueh."

KILLED OVER POLITICS.

With a Shotgun George P. Mossey Kills Edward E. Elam.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—The Times-Democrat's Carrollton, Miss., special says: "An unfortunate tragedy occurred on the streets here late this evening, in which Edward E. Elam was killed by George P. Mossey. The difficulty grew out of a scurrilous newspaper article that appeared in the Conservative of yesterday, in which Elam severely denounced Mossey. Mr. Mossey's friend, who was to adjust the matter amicably, failed. Elam declining to retract anything contained in his article. When all efforts at an amicable adjustment failed Mr. Mossey armed himself with a shotgun. His first shot killed Elam's head, and the second went straight to the mark, from the effects of which Elam died in about thirty minutes."

Most Startling Decision.

TACOMA, Dec. 3.—Judge Campbell of the superior court today rendered a decision on the motion of November 26 that all the elected city officials, excepting the mayor, for the past two years have not been entitled to one cent of pay, owing to a defect in the city charter which did not comply in its charter clause with the provisions of the state constitution. The treasurer has been enjoined from paying any more salaries. The defect will be rectified as soon as an election can be called.

Another Italian "Remover."

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Mary Camilla was arrested this evening, charged with the murder of her husband, Joseph Camilla. The couple were in their home when the killing occurred. Mrs. Camilla claims her husband was thrown from the third floor window, but the back of the man's head proved it was a case of murder. Their 10-year-old son told the police his mother confessed to him that she did the shooting. The pair had not lived happily together.

Storm in the West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Reports are being received here of damage caused in different parts of the state by the recent storm. At Pleasant, Allameda county, the railroad bridge was almost completely destroyed, causing a loss of \$25,000. The levee surrounding the Jersey tract of 5,500 acres in Contra Costa county has been broken by high water in the San Joaquin river and the entire tract flooded. The estimated loss is \$20,000.

Only a Little Knot.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A knot in the West Side cable caught in a grip car this evening and before it untangled itself ten cars had been derailed and badly damaged, while a dozen persons were thrown from the cars and some seriously injured were Miss Gertrude Comstock, severely bruised; Miss K. Healy, shaken and cut about face; Mrs. Joseph of Racine, Wis., cut and bruised.

Just a Little Sensation.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Early Friday morning some persons experienced a slight sensation as if an earthquake. The tremor was very slight and occasioned no alarm. The cause for the quake is the usual periodical settling of the limestone formation underlying this section. The affair was purely of a local nature and is not regarded as serious by any one except a few superstitious people.

Katie's Abominable Crime.

ROME, Ga., Dec. 3.—It is reported here that the criminal assassin who was on the wife of Morrow, between here and Adamsville last night. Morrow is the outlaw who killed Sheriff McGinnis, and is supposed to be in Texas. His wife was alone at her home. A man named Katie called at the house and gained admission by claiming to be a friend of her husband.

Chinese Pirates Without Souls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Tonquin advices give meagre details of an atrocious crime by Chinese pirates in Tonquin. A band of these desperadoes perpetrated a horrible massacre in the castles of Quang Huyea and smoked them to death. The cause of the act is not given, but it was probably because their relatives refused to give sufficient ransom.

Governor Hoyt's Funeral.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 3.—The funeral of the late ex-Gov. Henry M. Hoyt was held here this afternoon in the First Presbyterian church. The remains lay in state during the morning and were laid in the casket to look at the face of the dead.

Aspiring Governor Abbits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Democratic society of New Jersey held in Taylor's hotel, Jersey City, Governor-elect W. H. Hooper, Governor Lehigh at the next United States senator from New Jersey.

Senator Keene Distasteful.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Keene has improved so much in the last few days that his friends now regard him as out of danger and on the road to speedy recovery.

FROM END TO END

While at High Speed the Main Shaft of the Spree

BROKE WITH A TERRIBLE CRASH

Historical Women and Dispirited Men Prey With Evangelist Moody for Safety.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The North German Lloyd steamship Spree, which left Southampton on November 23 for New York, and was due in New York on November 30, was towed into Queens-town in a disabled condition today by the British steamer Lake Huron. The first news of the vessel, which was thought to be lost, was when she was sighted off Kinsale Head early this morning. The greatest anxiety has been felt in America, Bremen and this country regarding the fate of the Spree, and every one in the shipping interest here was glad to hear that she had not gone to the bottom and that her passengers were safe. As it is, they were tossed about in rough gales and suffered great hardships from cold and exposure. The shaft on the vessel was broken and she was almost at the mercy of the waves until picked up by the Lake Huron, which led from Montreal on November 25 for Liverpool.

A Fortunate Steamer.

The Spree had 134 saloon passengers on board, 221 in the second cabin and 150 in the steerage, besides a crew of 247 and a large mail. The big steamer presented a forlorn appearance on entering Queens-town harbor; the stern appeared to be holed from a row boat. The passengers were overjoyed at their deliverance and loudly cheered the Lake Huron for having rescued them. As soon as the Spree reached anchor the correspondent for the United Press had an interview with Gen. O. O. Howard of New York, Gen. Rufus King of Albany, and Evangelist Moody. They told an interesting story of their experiences. They left Southampton on their way to New York November 23 at 6 o'clock p. m. For two days the steaming was fair. At 6 o'clock on the morning of November 26 while the vessel was making high speed through a heavy sea the main shaft broke and there was a terrible crash.

Good Discipline Preserved.

The steamer trembled from stem to stern. The engines stopped instantly, and the passengers hastened to ascertain the nature of the disaster. There was nothing like a panic. Perfect discipline was maintained. The officers assured the passengers that there was no danger, and the passengers had entire confidence in the officers. All the boats, however, were made ready for instant use in case of necessity, and were supplied with a good store of provisions. An examination showed that the shaft had been broken ten feet from the end. The weight of the screw caused a strain, and suddenly water flooded the stern and drove all the second cabin passengers and the steerage into the first cabin and the dining saloons. The second cabin passengers were obliged to leave their clothes and baggage in the flooded cabins in order to escape. The flood continued and the officers fearing the worst ordered all movable articles to be removed and the bulkheads closed and secured with heavy beams. The second cabin passengers took refuge with the first cabin and were received with all the hospitality possible under the circumstances. The weather grew more threatening and the steamer was under stress and strain to guide, tossed helplessly in the trough of the sea. The water in the stern roared and thundered with every roll of the vessel, sounding like a knell of judgement to the more terrified among the passengers.

The Captain's Assurance.

The pumps were working laboriously to keep the water out of the saloon and in alarm huddled in the saloon and anxiously waited for the verdict of their fate from the lips of the officers. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Captain Willigerd entered the saloon. "I am able to tell you," he said calmly, "that our work is over. We are now at the water about under power. There is now no danger." This utterance conveyed a deep sense of relief to all who heard it, except to some women who seemed hysterically deaf to any and all words of reassurance. The bulkheads were under stress and strain and all began to look hopefully for the arrival of some rescuing vessel. The steamer continued to be tossed by the easterly gale and the passengers passed a miserable night. The ship sunk so low, and the water in the stern roared so loudly and ominously that nobody could sleep, even if so inclined. The vessel was drifting in a southerly direction and on the evening of the 29th she was in latitude 53, longitude 29. The wind shifted to the south and mountainous seas broke continuously over the deck. The officers spared no efforts to relieve the perils of the situation. Bags of oil were placed on the side of the steamer and had an immediate effect in softening the fury of the waves. An immense fire of pitch tar was exposed from the fore deck in order to attract the attention of vessels and all began to look forward every day in despair because no ship had been sighted.

Held a Prayer Meeting.

The passengers felt that they were drifting out of the track of steamers and were dependent on that account. Evangelist Moody, who from the first had displayed cool courage and a spiritual courage that helped to sustain others, held an eloquent service of prayer in the saloon, which was attended by everybody on board, including two saloon passengers, who had been noted for their levity during the first two days from Southampton. These two seemed to be as thoroughly converted as Mark Twain and his comrades in the snow storm and responded to the evangelist's prayers with fervent amen. Meanwhile the pumps were just able to cope with the water, which narrowly reached the deck. Monday night the sea moderated, but again the weary passengers were deprived of sleep by dread lest the bulkheads which kept the vessel afloat should burst under the pressure of the vast volume of surging water. The night was passed miserably. Everybody was in suspense and nearly all of the passengers sought the decks at intervals to peer through the darkness for a rescuing sail.

A Safe Night.

At half-past 2 o'clock a cry of "Wallah!" thrilled every breast, and was greeted with shouts and cries. The ship proved to be the steamship Lake Huron from Montreal, November 19, for Liverpool, commanded by Captain Carr. The Lake Huron answered the signals of distress, and promptly ran up along side the Spree, remaining there until daylight. When the dawn of morning made it possible to begin the work of assistance, six inch hawsers were with great difficulty passed from one steamer to the other, and firmly fastened, and then the task began of towing the Spree to a port of safety. It was 9 o'clock in the morning when the Lake Huron commenced towing, and the two steamers were then 643 miles west of Fastnet. The passengers expressed the highest praise of the noble and devoted conduct of the officers and crew of the Spree. They have presented the following testimonial to Captain Willigerd:

Your ship has been saved from great peril, and the desire to express to you and your officers and the entire crew the great satisfaction and gratitude felt by all for your work performed under circumstances of unusual trial, demanding the utmost discipline, patience and courage. While deeply grateful to the Heavenly Father for His mercy, our hearts turn to the noble captain and his brave men. In behalf of all:

Major-General U. S. Army.

The passengers raised the sum of \$500, half of which was given to those who had lost their clothing and baggage, and the remainder to the captain and his crew. The remainder will await the arrival of the North German Lloyd steamer, which is expected to arrive today. It appears that one life was lost owing to the accident. An Austrian passenger on the Spree became insane with fear before the rescue and jumped overboard and was drowned.

Remembered the Poor.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—The recent death of Mrs. Ashton at Tunbridge Wells, Cheshire, England, has brought to Boston the distribution of a magnificent legacy among the poor of this city. The income is \$600,000, the invested property of Elizabeth Ashton, a Bostonian who married an English lord and died in London in 1884. The money is to be shared equally among twenty-eight well known Boston charities, covering a wide range of benevolent work.

Promising Coal Fields.

HOMESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 3.—New York, Philadelphia and Scranton capitalists have secured the refusal of the Anthracite Coal company's land situated on the Broad mountain about ten miles southwest of Ashland and south of the Reading's Gordon plane. The land, which has never been worked, contains between 2,000 and 3,000 acres and is believed to contain all the principal veins found in this section of the coal region.

That Iron Hall Muddle.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—The publication of the fact that Judge Taylor had allowed the attorneys in the Iron Hall membership case force aggregating \$15,000, has created great indignation among members of the order and a meeting has been called for next week, at which it is proposed to draw up a formal protest against such allowance and present it to the court.

Sending Gold to Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Shipped away in casks in the hold of the French steamer, ship La Gascogne, which sailed for Havre at 5:30 o'clock this morning, was \$1,000,000 in gold. This is the second shipment of gold in the last ten days and altogether \$2,500,000 of the precious metal has been sent to Havre in that time.

Commander Hitchcock Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A dispatch was received at the navy department today from New York announcing the death in that city of Commander R. D. Hitchcock. Commander Hitchcock has been in the service since 1863, his last duty being that of commander of the frigate of the Asiatic squadron.

Extenuating the Foreigners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The steamer Belgic arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama this afternoon, bringing news that there has been another anti-foreign outbreak in Hama, and that the posting of placards urging the extermination of foreigners is being extensively carried on.

Celebrated Case Compromised.

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 3.—The celebrated Fuchs case was compromised this morning by Anna Tolton of St. Louis, a sister of Mrs. Grace Turner, alias Mrs. Grace Fuchs, agreeing to take little Grace Turner, the musical prodigy, to St. Louis and there adopt her.

Launch of the Christopher Columbus.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 3.—The Christopher Columbus, the most noteworthy lake vessel ever built, was launched this afternoon at the yards of the American Steel Barge company. The Columbus was built for the World's Fair Transportation company.

Ghosts at Rockford.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 3.—Considerable excitement has been created here by the report that several graves have been robbed in the city cemeteries. There is no medical college here.

Indicted for Murder.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 3.—Matthew R. Ashton of Fulton was placed under arrest last night, charged with the killing of Mrs. Daniel Stone, who was found dead in the street at her home on June 3.

Polishing the Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Harrison was engaged all day in arranging and polishing up his message to congress. It will be sent in Tuesday about 1 o'clock.

IS SHE THE GIRL

It is Believed That Lizzie Wylie of Detroit

IS THE SAN DIEGO SUICIDE

Description of the Dead "Mrs. Lizzie Wylie" Taken from That of the Missing Girl.

Detroit, Dec. 3.—The identity of "Mrs. Lizzie Anderson Bernard," who committed suicide on Tuesday night in San Diego, Cal., is now believed to be established. From the best description given she is believed to be Miss Lizzie Wylie of No. 103 National avenue, this city.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wylie, who lives at the above number, has received a dispatch from relatives in San Diego which seems to identify the dead girl as her daughter. The description of her clothes tallies closely with those worn by Lizzie Wylie when she was here some five or six weeks ago. The suicide has two moles on her left cheek, a ring on a finger of the left hand and another ring was found in one of her pockets. Mrs. Wylie said her daughter was marked as such in the dispatch and had the rings spoken of.

"I don't care to say much about the matter today," said Mrs. Wylie to a reporter.

"I may not be my daughter, but I am afraid I am. My poor girl was dependent over her work and had been four or five weeks gone. I did not know where she went, but she wrote to my daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anderson, in Grand Rapids, that she was going away and that she would write when she arrived at her destination. The first news I had was what was in the papers. They said she registered at the hotel in San Diego as 'Lizzie Anderson' and